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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Paul Hinton, et al.

Application No.: 10/687,118

Filed: October 15, 2003

For: ALTERATION OF FCRN
BINDING AFFINITIES OF SERUM
HALF-LIVES OF ANTIBODIES BY
MUTAGENESIS

Examiner: Chun Crowder

Art Unit: 1644

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed September 20, 2005, applicants elect group I without traverse. Group II includes some claims directed to production of the antibodies of group I, as does the Group III claim. If the group I claims are allowed, applicant requests rejoinder of any claims from group II and III directed to production of antibodies of group I, appropriately amended to conform to the allowed subject matter.

For the election of species, applicants elect the antibody Ost577, the isotype IgG2, and specify that positions 250 and 428 are occupied by glutamine and leucine respectively. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-12, 18-21, 23-28, 34, 35, 36-43, 49, 52 and 53 read on the elected species. In other words, the functional limitations of claims 18, 19, 34

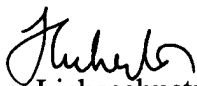
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and 39 are encompassed by the elected species. The election of species is without traverse. Following the election of species, applicants note that MPEP 809.02(c) requires a "complete action on the merits of all claims readable on the species."

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650/326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,


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